

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for business process outsourcing (BPO)-IT perspective as part of the above FDI;

(d) if so, the present status of the above proposal; and

(e) the steps taken or to be taken for better transparency due to private-capital investment and FDI in higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) There is no separate sectoral policy notified for the education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, FDI is already allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector.

(e) A proposal for the regulation of entry and operation, maintenance of quality and prevention of commercialization of education by Foreign Educational Institutions in Higher Education is currently under consideration of the Government. Subject to finalisation of policy in this regard, an appropriate legislation would be introduced in Parliament at the earliest. Domestic private unaided higher educational institutions deemed to be universities are regulated by the UGC guidelines. State laws regulate private universities established by the respective legislatures.

Implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations

2746. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations on recruitment of teachers belonging to OBC by institutions affiliated to State and Central universities;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission, the Central Board of Secondary Education and the All India Council of Technical Education as also the regulatory bodies like Medical Council of India, Nursing Council of India and Dental Council of India have issued appropriate directives to institutions under their purview to this effect; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The provisions of

Government of India's O.M. dated 13.8.1990 issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T) regarding reservation for the OBCs, as finally modified by O.M. dated 8.9.1993 are applicable to vacancies filled up by direct recruitment at entry level upto the level of Lecturer.

(b) and (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) is responsible for implementation of the policy of the Central Government in the matter of recruitment to the teaching and non-teaching posts in Central Universities and institutions which are deemed to be universities receiving aid from the public funds other than minority institutions under Article 30(1) of the Constitution.

Assessment of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2747. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has met with considerable success quantitatively but not qualitatively according to the study conducted by the Indian Institute of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the success rate on this count in the upper primary level is not satisfactory in several districts of the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to provide quality education under SSA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) 'Shiksha Sangam' is an academic document of good practices under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 13 States, brought out by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in August 2006. It does not contain an evaluative assessment of the success rate of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, qualitatively or quantitatively.

Improvement of nutritional value in Mid-Day Meal

2748. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: